

Belmont Cultural Council

November 12, 2003 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Dietlinde Hamburger, Trey Klein, Patty Mihelich, Rebecca Richards, Nan Rogers, Jennifer Smith, Carlha Vickers

Absent: Oz Barron, Viva Fisher, Joan Loria, Janet Macy

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Nan Rogers. Goal for the evening was to discuss those grants that were not strong contenders and had received a recommendation not to fund from their reviewers, and those that reviewers had questions about how to proceed with.

Carlha reported on application #4 – Project Concern, Hip Hop Dance Performance. The applicant is not a Belmont organization, has no sponsor or contact in Belmont and has demonstrated no attempt to secure such a relationship in town. Carlha pointed out that the Belmont High School has an active hip hop dance troupe.

Nan reported on application #6 – Henry Lappen. Henry is also an out of town artist with no sponsor or venue in Belmont. He clearly states in his cover letter that he understands some towns do not fund applicants who do not have a local sponsor and in such cases, requests his information be shared with schools and libraries.

More information on both applications #4 and #6 is available by consulting the LCC Online Office.

Patty then inquired about proceeding with application #13 – Belmont High School, Belmontshire Mid-Winter Faire-Feast. The budget is incomplete and additional sources of funding are not identified. This leads one to question how the event will proceed if we are unable to fully fund. Patty was advised to be persistent in trying to contact either individual named on the application to obtain answers to these questions.

A motion was made by Jennifer and seconded by Nan to

VOTE : to decline funding grant applications #4 and #6. Passed unanimously.

Rebecca distributed minutes of the October 21, 2003 meeting. Grammatical changes were recommended in the last sentence of the eighth paragraph, striking the words “the BCC, but” and inserting the word “be” after the word ultimately. Patty made a motion, seconded by Jennifer to

VOTE: to accept the minutes of the October 21, 2003 meeting including the grammatical corrections. Passed unanimously.

Carlha presented a treasurer's report outlining available funds for FY04 (see attachment). Discussion centered on options available to us for the interest revenue and for unencumbered MCC money in local account available to regrant. Jennifer made a motion, seconded by Rebecca to

VOTE: to hold \$1816.48 from interest revenue in reserve potentially but not exclusively for expenses associated with the PDA gallery in the Town Hall Annex; to withhold 5% of the FY04 allocation ($\$3100 \times 5\% = \155) for administrative expenses which will produce a total amount available to regrant in FY04 of $\$4576.27 [(\$3100 - 155) = 2945. + \text{balance in account of } 1631.27$. It is understood that the BCC shall maintain fiscal oversight over PDA use of the interest revenue.

Passed unanimously.

Discussion turned back to grant applications. Dietlinde presented application #5 – Chenery Middle School, Bay Colony Educators. This is a curriculum based program for the entire fifth grade class. Educators spend several sessions, some lecture, some hands on with students. Grant amount is 27% of overall budget, remainder being paid by the Chenery PTO. Dietlinde recommends funding this program.

Nan described issues with application #9 from Elyse O'Connor. More information needs to be collected from references.

Carlha presented #12 – Belmont Day School, 2004 Children's International Festival. An outdoor festival of food, music, dance, storytelling and educational activities, open to the public on the grounds of BDS. Application is for \$750, 15% of the overall budget, remainder of which will be covered by the school. Carlha recommends at least partial funding.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Nan Rogers